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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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**RE: Access to Conrail Property in Connection with the Clean-up of the Tilton
Plating Site, Tilton, Vermilion County, Illinois**

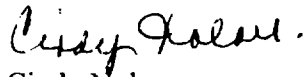
Dear Mr. Griffith:

Thank you for complying with the Administrative Order Directing Compliance with Request for Access (Docket No. V-W-'99-C-544) issued by William Muno, Director, Superfund Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 on April 19, 1999. Conrail granted U.S. EPA entry and access to its railroad right-of-way adjacent to the above-referenced site for the purpose of sampling soil as a part of a removal action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*

Additional analysis of the conditions at the site indicate that we no longer need access to Conrail's railroad right-of-way. Specifically, based on information from Conrail that its right-of-way extends only 25 feet from the center of the railroad track, U.S. EPA contractors collected soil samples from the Tilton Plating site property, approximately 30 and 40 feet away from the Conrail railroad. Laboratory analyses of these samples indicate that the toxicities of the soils are below hazardous levels; therefore U.S. EPA has determined that no further sampling on the Conrail property is necessary. Pursuant to Section IV, ¶ 2 of the Administrative Order, access to Conrail's property is no longer necessary and U.S. EPA is terminating the Administrative Order.

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 886-6246.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Nolan".

Cindy Nolan
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